

CORRESPONDENCE.
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Our Financial Condition.
Editor MESSINGER: I have been meditating on the financial condition of our country. A great many of our farmers are without any means with which to meet their indebtedness, the main source of supply (cotton) having been cut off. To offset this, we are wonderfully blessed in the way of hay and corn, most of us having made enough to run us until another crop can be made. There is a great financial calamity making its appearance on the horizon, which threatens destruction. The storm is approaching slowly but surely. Who will escape the terrible cyclone? Some will, but some will not. There is a way by which we can all escape and none be hurt; but, and that is for everybody to do his best and pay all he possibly can, by selling all his surplus stock and produce. The next question is, will the creditors be satisfied with this, or will they pursue the old plan and take all this making times harder. The debtor is not accountable for the damage done by the summer rains, and he should not be held responsible for the debt in the cotton crop. We have been blessed for a number of years with good crops and we had lost sight of our dependence on cotton, and when that crop failed we are unable to pay our debts. We are into it unexpectedly and it is too late to cry over spilled milk.

Last year Chickasaw co. shipped 14,000 bales of cotton, more or less. This year it will be about 4,000. According to these figures, we will be \$450,000 short, although the farmers did their best. But fate was against them. If cotton had been as good this year as last, nearly all of the farmers would have been able to pay their debts and had money left. Hundreds of them would have been able to buy a home. What shall we do? Go forward and force collections under the law and foreclose mortgages? If this step is taken the country will be ruined, but very few people benefit. Beef cattle are only worth 1 to 1 1/2 cents a pound net and corn from 40 to 45 cents per bushel. At such sales, all of this would fall far below the market value. By selling, the needy would be stripped and but a very small pittance placed to their credit. The laborer would be left with no work, nothing to eat and nothing to wear.

It is not the debtor's fault that things are thus and he should, if possible, be let alone another year. By such an extension of time nine out of 10 would be enabled to pay all they owe. My plan would be to let everything lie still and let this year go by as though it had not been. If this was done, nobody would be hurt much and an extension of time and the leniency of the creditors would encourage the debtor and put him in good trim to make big crops next year. He would take pleasure in paying men who withheld their power in such times of need. Then the power of capital would be realized by the debtor. A creditor who would defer his collections by force would have a chest as big as a courthouse, so that his heart would have room to jubilate over the prayers and benedictions that would be offered up for him by the wives and little ones of his debtors and the result of this on the 25th day of December, 1890, would be to find the creditors busy counting their money and his busy writing out receipts. A man who could start from nothing, did 22 years ago, and in that time accumulate as much as we have could certainly pay off a back-ridden bill.

Let everybody hold easy and the 25th day of December, 1890, will find us all right. After the rich have ruled in luxury and wealth and enjoyed the fat of the land, have they forgotten how hard it is for a poor man to make a living? No. "United we stand, divided we fall."—JOHN STONE.

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"And the chills and fever bloom once more,"
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W. G. Stovall	25 00
W. G. Stovall	20 00
W. G. Stovall use	22 00
E. J. Buford	22 00
A. N. Griffin	20 00
B. J. Abbott	10 00
W. H. Cook	20 00
H. S. Peden	20 00
Lon Judd	20 00
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W. T. Davis	3 30
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Will Johnson	3 00
E. Seay	2 00
A. Kennedy	5 50
John Riley	41 50
Humphry Miller	20 00
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Charles Holliday	1 00
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John Stone	2 00
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W. H. Dalaney	25 35
P. Dahmer	115 00
H. B. Lacey	39 00
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W. G. Stovall use &c.	5 00
E. F. Medlin use &c.	2 60
R. W. Medlin	1 00
W. F. Buchanan	1 00
S. R. Smith	1 00
M. P. Torman	1 00
J. H. Chennault	1 00
W. R. Davis	1 00
A. J. Jamison	16 50
W. F. Tabb	4 00
C. C. Moore	9 05
T. L. St. Clair	3 10
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D. D. Deady	4 50
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David Andrews	10 00
Charles Wheeler	262 00
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Wm. Sumner	47 50
J. M. Griffin	1 05
C. C. Lancaster	2 00
D. Snider	2 00
Geo. Carothers	2 00
W. W. Pughan	8 00
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D. K. Woodall	28 00
John M. Walker	28 00
J. H. Chennault	28 00
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W. W. McGhee	20 00
Humphry Miller	16 50
Bill Ford	35 50
J. H. Stone	2 00
W. P. Gillespie	13 50
O. D. Gann	9 00
S. B. Gillespie	1 50
F. S. Clopton	42 75
E. F. Medlin use &c.	2 75
W. G. Stovall use &c.	3 00
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THE DEAD FIREMAN'S BABY.

A Pathetic Story From Life by a San Francisco Reporter.

What is the matter with my papa? Steve Neall's five-year-old daughter had caught sight of her dead father in his coffin last Friday evening, and asked the question of those who had gathered about the bier. Papa is asleep, they told her. Why is papa in that ugly box? she persisted. He can sleep better there. Good-night, papa. She passed into an adjoining room and was soon asleep. The mourners sat about the bier of the dead fireman all night. Shortly before 1 o'clock in the morning, the gang on the wall that had often summoned him to his duty, changed an alarm for the Polk street fire. It had sounded once, and was repeating the alarm when the little girl came flying into the room in her long nightdress. She looked at the silent watchers and then ran to the side of the dead man. Climbing on a chair, she reached into the coffin and shook her father by the shoulder. Papa, papa wake up! she cried. There's a fire! Wake up! The looks of the people in the room and the strange stillness of her father frightened her. Wake up, please papa, she pleaded, her voice beginning to quiver. Can't you hear the bell? You'll miss the fire. When he did not stir, she knew that something was wrong, and turned her tearful, puzzled face to the older people.

"Never mind the bell, darling," some one answered, "papa won't go to the fire to-night." "But," persisted the baby, "he always got up before when the bell rang—why wouldn't he wake up? What's mamma crying for? What's everybody crying for?" And the troubled little child burst into tears and crying piteously at what she did not know, was gently carried back to her cot to cry herself to sleep again.—San Francisco Examiner.

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Hens Scratches.

The Bronze and Narragansett turkeys are the heaviest. The standard calls for thirty-two pounds for the cock.

We cannot expect even the largest egg-producing hens to lay well in the winter with rough, ungenial surroundings.

We feed our old ducks half bran, the other half corn and oats ground, with occasionally meat scraps, fed moist.

A Colorado lady poultry-raiser says, "The Langshans are the breed for cold climate; they are very hardy, and good layers."

How to make hens lay is what bothers a good many folks now-a-days. Here is one way: Make a mass of coarse corn-meal boiling a large red pepper in each two quarts of water. Let it cook for an hour and feed hot. Boiled apple skins seasoned with red pepper, or boiled potatoes seasoned with horseradish, are good for fowls—much better than uncooked food. Corn when fed hens has a tendency to fatten rather than produce the most profitable egg-laying.—Live-stock Journal.

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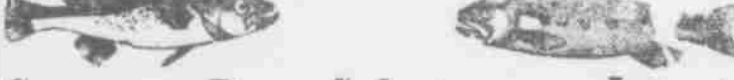
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